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McGillivray Inducted Into NAIA Hall of Fame

Cedarville College soccer coach John McGillivray was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in the category of meritorious service. He was honored at the NAIA National Soccer Tournament banquet in San Antonio, Texas on November 27.

McGillivray, who was inducted into the Cedarville College Athletic Hall of Fame two years ago, has compiled a career record of 188-147-19 in 20 years as head coach of the Yellow Jackets. He has served NAIA soccer in various capacities during that time.

The Springfield, Ohio native has been the NAIA District 22 soccer chairman for the past 19 years, is a past president of the NAIA Soccer Coaches Association, and was head coach of the West Team at the 1990 NAIA Senior Bowl.

Cedarville College president Dr. Paul Dixon remarked, "This man is uniquely deserving. His contributions at our college have been remarkably wonderful."

Yellow Jacket athletic director Dr. Don Callan stated, "John's service to the NAIA has been exemplary. His honest and forthright approach and reaction to peers pushed him into leadership in Ohio as well as the NAIA nationally. He has led the way both locally and nationally by setting an example of what a coach should be. We are proud of his accomplishments, but are more proud of who he is as a person."



In recent years, McGillivray has been presented two prestigious awards for his exemplary behavior on the sidelines as well as for the sportsmanship displayed by his players. The National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association presented him the 1992 National Merit Award, plus the Ohio Collegiate Soccer Officials Association gave him their first-ever Distinguished Service Award in 1990.

McGillivray is the third Cedarville College coach to enter the NAIA Hall of Fame. Athletic Director and men's basketball coach Don Callan (1990) and men's tennis coach Murray Murdoch (1992) have also been honored.

Zehr, Rucker Tabbed Athletes of the Year

Amy Zehr and Ken Rucker have been selected the Yellow Jacket Club Athletes of the Year for 1992-93. The two standouts were honored for their achievements during Cedarville College Homecoming festivities in October.

Zehr was recognized for her outstanding year in women's volleyball and basketball. The Fort Wayne, Indiana product was named to the NAIA Division II All-America first team in basketball. She led the Lady Jackets to an 18-10 record by averaging 24.7 points and 14.0 rebounds per game. She was selected the NAIA District 22 Division II and Mid-Ohio Conference Player of the Year.

Zehr finished her career as Cedarville's all-time leading rebounder (1,049) and as the women's third all-time leading scorer (1,642). Besides her career rebounding record, she holds other school marks for most points in a game (41), most rebounds in a season (377) and game (26), as well as most steals in a game (8).

Zehr is also regarded as the finest volleyball player that Cedarville has ever had. She holds numerous school records which were set in only three years of competition. She is the only Lady Jacket to record more than 1,000 kills in a career and she finished with 1,515.

Rucker was voted to the NAIA Division I All-America third team in basketball after pacing Cedarville to a 23-9 record. The Philadelphia native averaged 24.5 points and 12.2 rebounds per game while being named the NAIA District 22 Division I and Mid-Ohio Conference Player of the Year.

Rucker finished his career as the only player in Yellow Jacket basketball history with more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. He ranks second on Cedarville's all-time scoring list (2,281) and is fourth in rebounding (1,200).

Other athletes to be nominated in the women's division were Mindy Humble (basketball, softball), Krista Pritchard (cross country, track), and Stephanie Sherman (track). Other male nominees were Ben Bird (track), Peter Casaletto (cross country), and Randy Southwell (soccer).

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Callan's Comments

Dr. Don Callan, Athletic Director

During this past summer I had the privilege of spending over six weeks in sports evangelism—five weeks in the Philippines and Thailand and another eight days in Portugal. The basis of sports evangelism is to take advantage of the interest that basketball and Americans create to draw crowds and then present the gospel.

In order to insure an understanding of our message, we worked closely with the local pastors and Christian workers. The primary method was to use halftime to present testimonies, sing songs with a Christian message, and then have a local pastor give a message about Jesus Christ and his saving power.

The presentation was nearly always well received by the crowds and, in most instances, given ovations of appreciation. It was even more exciting to see some respond to the invitation to receive Christ as personal Savior. This usually took place after the games when the players would mix with the crowd to distribute tracts and to talk with the people about the halftime message.

I especially remember our first game in Bangkok at King Monkut University. The game was played in the daytime during class hours. The gym was full when we arrived and the crowd was alive with expectation.

We had our usual social time with the president and his staff, plus a time of answering questions of why we were there and what we were trying to accomplish. The crowd's enthusiasm continued throughout the first half and our halftime presentation was politely listened to even though nearly all of the audience was Buddhist. On a show of hands from the crowd, we passed out hundreds of tracts containing the biblical message of Christ's redemptive love and power in their own language.

In the Philippines, nearly every church we have worked with these past 25 years uses what they call Bible basketball to reach young men for Christ. They put up baskets, get basketballs, and sometimes buy uniforms for the young men who make up their team. The one stipulation for being on the team is to be willing to listen to a Bible study each practice and then attend one meeting each week at church. I know of at least six young pastors who were led to Christ through this process. Bible basketball works.

This past summer's tour took us to two large cities where new small churches had requested that the Athletes for Christ team be part of their first public evangelistic outreach. Because of the interest in basketball and Americans, we were able to hold two games in the town plaza where over 2,000 spectators watched and listened to testimonies and a gospel message from a local pastor. Some of the crowd were led to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Are you using the talent and platform God has given you to proclaim His message? It may not be to thousands, but it may be to one person. Isn't that how God really works anyhow?

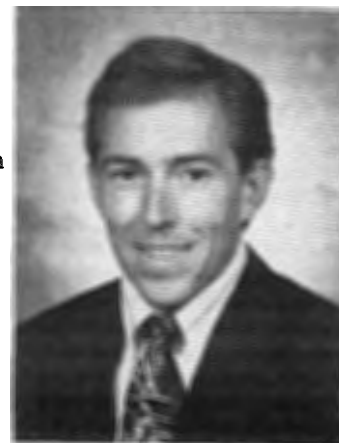
We are saved individually as we are drawn by the Holy Spirit and are brought to the realization that we are sinners and in need of a Savior. Then "faith comes by hearing (that's your part in witnessing), and hearing by the Word of God." Use sports to communicate the language of God to those who need it but won't hear it unless you say it.

Orchard Joins Coaching Staff

Paul Orchard has been named the head track and field coach at Cedarville College. He will be responsible for both the men's and women's programs, plus serve as a physical education instructor. The Michigan native takes over for John McGillivray, who held the position on an interim basis last year.

Orchard joins the Yellow Jackets after spending the last six years at the University of Akron. He served as an assistant coach for Akron's track and cross country programs where he coordinated all of their recruiting.

Orchard previously coached on the junior high level and later was a graduate assistant women's track coach at Miami University of Ohio where he earned his master's degree in 1986. He competed for four years in track and cross country at Taylor University prior to graduating in 1983.



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Young Cagers Gain Experience

The Cedarville College men's basketball team entered the holiday break with an 8-4 record. That's a satisfactory start for the young Yellow Jackets who do not have any seniors on the roster and only one returning starter.

"We have good talent, but we are weak in experience," says head coach Don Callan, who began the season as the second winningest active coach in the NAIA. "Our success will depend upon the development of our young players."

The Yellow Jackets have been exciting to watch with a pair of sophomore newcomers leading the scoring. Jeff Bradley, a 6-6 forward who transferred last year from Marietta College, is averaging 24.3 points per game. He shoots 53.2 percent from the field, 71.4 from the line, and leads the team with 18 three-point goals. Twice this year he has buried four dunks in a game.

Polack, a 6-5 center who transferred last year from Kings River Junior College in California, averages 16.7 points and a team-high 8.0 rebounds per contest. He is a player who has tremendous leaping ability and continues to progress in all areas of the game.

Junior guard El Seabra, the lone returning starter, is the captain of the team. The Portuguese native averages 14.6 points per game and is considered one of the top defensive players in the Mid-Ohio Conference.

Junior forward Matthew Reynolds and junior guard Josh Rang round out the starting five. Junior Dave Whisman has seen considerable time off the bench.



Jeff Bradley slams in two of his 30 points against Ashland.

One of the highlights of the young season came when the Jackets won the 16th Annual Cedarville Invitational. Bradley was tabbed MVP after pouring in 33 points in a 90-69 win over Wilberforce in the final. Seabra also earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

The 1994 portion of the schedule features a run of 14 straight MOC contests. The Jackets, who have posted six straight 20-win seasons, were picked to finish seventh out of the eight schools in a preseason poll of the league's coaches.

Spikers Finish 28-16



Lana Haas keeps the ball alive at the net as Angela Hartman (left) and Elizabeth Miller look on.

It was another winning season for the Cedarville College women's volleyball team. Coach Elaine Brown's squad finished the campaign 28-16 overall and their 10-4 Mid-Ohio Conference record placed them third in the league. The women also made their first-ever appearance in the National Christian College Athletic Association national tournament.

Brown summarized the season by saying, "It is always satisfying to have a winning season. However, we were a little disappointed with our finish. We seemed to peak a couple weeks too early and were unable to put together a strong finish."

Cedarville lost six of its final seven matches including the last four in a row. That streak included tough five-game losses to MOC champion Rio Grande and to Findlay in the opening round of the NAIA District 22 tournament.

Amidst all of the ups and downs, the outstanding career of senior setter Angela Hartman came to a close—at least on the volleyball court anyway. The Fort Wayne, Indiana native, who is also the Lady Jackets top tennis player, finished her volleyball stay with 16 school records to her credit.

Among Hartman's Lady Jacket career marks are records for most matches played (182), games played (499), assists (4,004), digs (1,612), and service aces (182). She was also named to the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete team for the second straight year.

Junior outside hitter Elizabeth Miller, who led the team with 3.08 kills per game, was named to the All-NAIA District 22 team as well as the All-MOC first team. Sophomore middle hitter Cheryl Miller (no relation) was selected to the All-MOC second team.

Balance Key to Lady Jacket Attack

Cedarville's women's basketball team has had to find a way to cope without the services of NAIA Division II All-American Amy Zehr. While she was the focal point of the Lady Jackets' offense last year, the contribution has had to be spread around this season. However, the outcome has been quite respectable with a 5-5 record at the holiday break.

"We lost an outstanding player in Amy Zehr," said Cedarville women's coach Kathy Freese. "We must utilize our quickness and depth to the utmost in order to be successful."

Depth is the key word for the Lady Jackets. Nine players are averaging at least 12.5 minutes of court time per game, plus that group is contributing between 13.4 and 4.0 points per game.

"I believe we are a better shooting team," says Freese. "A well-balanced attack allows us to emphasize pressure defense, an uptempo game, and we can be more aggressive."

Freshman forward Karla Kaelber leads the team in scoring at 13.4 points per game. She has twice scored 25 points in a game, plus she calmly hit two free throws with two seconds left for a 66-64 win at Trinity Christian.

Sophomore guard Melissa Hartman is the only other player averaging in double figures at 11.8 points. She is off to a slow start after hitting for 14.4 points a game last year as a rookie.

Christine Copeland, a junior forward, has the most experience in the program. Her 7.3 rebounds per game average is tied for the team lead, plus she chips in 7.7 points.

Sophomore center Becky Cave and senior guard Rachel Howard are the other two starters. Cave, who is the team's

tallest player at 6-1, ranks second in the Mid-Ohio Conference with 21 blocks. Howard is back after missing all of last year with a knee injury.

Junior center Shaundra Randolph, sophomore guard Melanie Fraley, and freshmen Amy Bathrick and Kari Dunlap have all logged a number of minutes. Bathrick has made the most of her time by adding 7.3 points and 7.3 rebounds while averaging only 15 minutes a game.

The women posted an impressive 82-80 win over Georgetown (KY), who was preseason ranked 12th in NAIA Division II. The Lady Jackets also won their own invitational with victories over Grace and Malone. Hartman and Copeland earned spots on the all-tournament team.

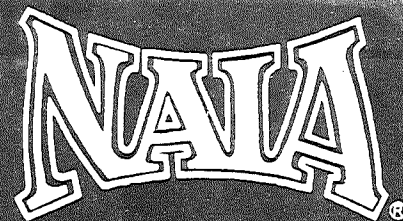
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Andrew Stewart beats two Bryan College defenders to the ball during the Homecoming match.

Kickers Better Than 8-9-1 Record

The Cedarville College soccer team could never have imagined what would happen following a 5-0-1 start in 1993—the best start in the school's 31-year soccer history. The Yellow Jackets would later tie a school record for consecutive losses, have a 1-6 record in one-goal games, and finish 8-9-1 for their fifth straight losing season. This team was unquestionably better than the final record would indicate.

"Of all the teams that I have had with losing records, this was easily the best one," remarked head coach John McGillivray, who completed his 20th year at the helm. "We had some frustrating losses, but this was a talented team. We were so close to having a great season."

The season got started off on a positive note with a 3-1 win at Denison which was only Cedarville's fourth win in 24 tries versus the Big Red. The Yellow Jackets completed their 5-0-1 start with a 5-3 victory at Bluffton.

Following a 1-0 loss to Mid-Ohio Conference and NAIA District 22 champion Walsh University and a 3-1 setback at Findlay, the Jackets appeared to right themselves with a 3-1 victory at Shawnee State. However, "the streak" then set in.

Cedarville tied a school record with six straight losses, five coming by a single goal. It started with a tough 4-3 overtime loss to Tiffin in which the Dragons scored late in regulation to tie the match. Next, the Jackets could not recover from a 3-0 hole against longtime rival Wilmington and lost, 3-2.

The annual Homecoming match brought Bryan College to town and the visiting Lions posted a 1-0 victory. Rio Grande defeated Cedarville by the same 1-0 score three days later, and then Malone dropped the kickers, 4-1. Wittenberg made the short trip from Springfield and even though Cedarville had the Tigers squirming for most of the match, the visitors prevailed, 2-1.

Cedarville ended the unwanted streak and regular season with a 3-1 win at Ohio Dominican. Senior forward Ted Kruse netted all three goals in the match.

The Yellow Jackets entered the NCCAA District III tournament at Marion, Indiana seeded second out of three teams. They opened with a convincing 3-0 win over Spring Arbor as Kruse scored twice and sophomore Jeremy Walling added the other score. The season came to a halt in a 2-0 loss to host Indiana Wesleyan in the final even though the Jackets outshot the Wildcats, 10-8.

Junior midfielder Eric Reini was named to the NCCAA All-America second team for the second straight year. He also earned a spot on the All-MOC and NAIA District 22 second teams.

Walling led the team in scoring with 13 goals and four assists for 30 points. He was voted to the MOC first team and the district second team as was sophomore goalkeeper Mark Otto. Sophomore back Neil Brown and junior midfielder Andy Stewart were named to the All-MOC second team.

Harriers Narrowly Miss NAIA Berth

It was a season of near misses for the Cedarville College men's cross country program. The Yellow Jackets began the year ranked 20th in the NAIA poll but fell just out of the rating for the rest of the season. The harriers were denied an at-large berth to the NAIA Nationals despite finishing 11th out of 40 schools at the meet the previous year.

"Most of our top runners from 1992 who competed at the NAIA Nationals were back," head coach Elvin King explained. "We thought that fact provided a good basis for us to return. However, we didn't get that one great team effort that was needed for us to earn an at-large bid."

Senior Kevin Conkel closed out his career with an outstanding effort, however, finishing as the team's top runner in the final seven meets. One of his more impressive outings came at the Gettysburg Invitational in Pennsylvania where he won the meet that featured 239 runners.

Conkel was also an NCCAA All-American where he placed fifth out of 105 competitors. He narrowly missed NAIA All-America status by four places where he finished 34th out of 349 runners.

Junior Peter Simons won two individual titles and was the team's number two runner for most of the season. He finished ninth at the NCCAA meet for All-America honors.

Conkel and Simons both earned spots on the All-Mid-Ohio Conference team where the Yellow Jackets placed third. Conkel was also an All-NAIA District 22 performer.

Several others contributed at various times by running on the varsity's top seven. That list included seniors Jared Alsdorf, Brian Miller, and John Porter, junior Chris Nickel, sophomore Jason Taylor, plus freshmen Josh Bell, and Andrew Miller.

Women's Cross Country Ranked in NAIA Top 10

Cedarville's women's cross country team put together another outstanding season with the squad being ranked as high as ninth in the NAIA national poll. Lady Jacket coach Elvin King has every reason to be optimistic about the future because his top seven runners do not include any seniors.

"We are very excited with the direction our women's program is going," said King. "These young women are not only outstanding runners but quality individuals as well. That makes it even more satisfying."

The women won four team titles including the Mid-Ohio Conference championship. They also placed third out of 12 schools at the NCCAA Nationals and were 18th of 40 at the NAIA Nationals.

Freshman Michelle Burson was the team's top runner in every outing. She won three individual titles and finished in the top ten in eight races in all. Burson placed fourth at the NCCAA event to earn All-America status.

Julianne Pletcher, another freshman, progressed to the number two spot by season's end. She was also an NCCAA All-American after finishing seventh. Juniors Cindy Hasselbring and Jennifer Zenner, sophomores Laura Boothe and Heather Cornelius, as well as freshman Jill Zenner all made significant contributions to the team's success.

Burson, Jennifer Zenner, Pletcher, and Boothe all made the All-MOC team. Burson was the lone Lady Jacket to gain a spot on the All-NAIA District 22 unit after the team

finished second in the race but earned a national meet at-large bid.

Jennifer Zenner also earned recognition on the NAIA and NCCAA All-America Scholar-Athlete teams. Honorees are juniors and seniors with cumulative grade point averages of at least 3.50.